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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

FACCI ET AL.

Examiner

Quana Grainger

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5 and 7-10 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement filed 11-25-2003 has been considered.

Drawings

2. The formal drawings are approved by the examiner.

Title

3. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-2 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kobayashi et al. (5,596,393). The method of operating an electrostatographic printing apparatus by Kobayashi et al. including a charge-retentive member defining an imaging surface and a charging device for placing a charge on the imaging surface, comprising the steps of: providing a power supply to apply a bias to said bias charging roll; and applying a bias to said bias charging roll, said applying includes applying a burst modulated waveform to said bias charging roll (column 3, lines 43-53; Figure 3). The applying includes generating a burst frequency for said

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burst modulated waveform (column 3, line 44 - column 4, line 16). The generating includes modifying a waveform selected from the group consisting of sinusoidal, rectangular, and triangular (Figure 3).

6. Claims 1-4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ikeda (JP07-308064a). The method of operating an electrostatographic printing apparatus by Ikeda including a charge-retentive member defining an imaging surface and a charging device for placing a charge on the imaging surface, comprising the steps of: providing a power supply to apply a bias to said bias charging roll; and applying a bias to said bias charging roll, said applying includes applying a burst modulated waveform to said bias charging roll. The applying includes generating a burst frequency for said burst modulated waveform. The generating includes employing a DC offset from an AC waveform, in which said AC waveform of a first frequency is gated on and off at a second frequency. The generating includes fixing a burst rate to constant frequency and varying a carrier frequency. The generating includes modifying a waveform selected from the group consisting of sinusoidal, rectangular, and triangular.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 5 and 7-10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


Contact Information

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8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quana Grainger whose telephone number is 571-272-2135. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays between the hours of 7-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Arthur Grimley can be reached on 571-272-2136. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9306.

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